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SUBJECT: TRIREGIONAL DECLARATION

1. IN MEETING WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA APRIL 3, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN REVIEWED STATUS OF NATO AND US-EC DECLARATIONS, AND SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. YASUKAWA AGREED WITH SUGGESTION THAT TRIREGIONAL EFFORT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL FUTURE OF OTHER DECLARATIONS MORE CLEAR.

2. YASUKAWA REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT, AT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG, FRENCH HAD REJECTED FRG PROPOSAL ON US-EC CONSULTATIONS. HARTMAN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH WE WITHOUT OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF LUXEMBOURG RESULTS, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THAT WERE FRENCH POSITION. HARTMAN REVIEWED GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH US PRIOR TO CONSENSUS AMONG POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF NINE TO BE FOLLOWED BY INSTITUTIONAL
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CONSULTATION BETWEEN US AND EC AFTER AGREEMENT AMONG

POLITICAL DIRECTORS BUT BEFORE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS. WHILE UK AND MOST OTHERS OF NINE AGREEABLE TO THIS APPROACH, WE ASSUMED FRENCH WOULD RESIST IT. OUR POSITION, SAID HARTMAN, IS THAT WE NEED BETTER CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM;

BUT THE REAL PROBLEM IS POLITICAL WILL. WITH SUCH WILL, MECHANISM BECOMES OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE; WITHOUT IT THE BEST MECHANISM WILL BE OF LITTLE AVAIL. HARTMAN EMPHASIZED WE DO NOT REQUIRE CONSULTATION WITH EC ON EVERY ISSUE. IT IS, HOWEVER, ESSENTIAL IN AREAS LIKE EC-ARAB COOPERATION, WHERE INTERESTS OF US MAY BE INVOLVED.

3. YASUKAWA AGREED WITH HARTMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF CONSULTATION CONCEPT. YASUKAWA SAID THAT WHILE US AND JAPAN DO NOT HAVE FORMAL MACHINERY FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN FACT BILATERAL COORDINATION IS EXCELLENT. HARTMAN CONCURRED.

4. RESULTS OF THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING APART, HARTMAN CONTINUED, THE NINE'S STANCE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE UK REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN POST-POMPIDOU FRANCE. HARTMAN SAID WE CANNOT ANTICIPATE MUCH MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF CONSULTATIONS UNTIL AT LEAST MID-MAY. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, A PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND REAPPRAISAL WILL BE USEFUL.

5. TURNING TO DECLARATIONS THEMSELVES, HARTMAN RECALLED THE THREE OPTIONS POSED BY SECRETARY AND SAID THAT, SINCE EC TEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO US, IT IS NOW DOUBTFUL AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON AN US-EC DECLARATION. ON PROCEEDING WITH NATO DECLARATION ALONE, SEVERAL OF THE ALLIES HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH TO MOVE FORWARD, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIANCE. HARTMAN SPECULATED, AND YASUKAWA AGREED, THAT NATO DECLARATION WHICH EMERGED IN CONTEXT OF THE ALLIANCE ANNIVERSARY WOULD NOT CREATE PROBLEM FOR JAPANESE. HARTMAN SUGGESTED BEST COURSE FOR US AND JAPAN ON TRIREGIONAL DECLARATION WOULD BE TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS ON NATO DECLARATION. YASUKAWA AGREED. CONFIDENTIAL

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HARTMAN VOLUNTEERED TO YASUKAWA THAT US WOULD DISCUSS WITH GOJ ANY REVISED NATO DRAFT AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

6. HARTMAN SAID US WOULD MOVE FORWARD ON A NATO DECLARATION IF THE ALLIES SIGNAL CLEAR DESIRE TO PROCEED. HOWEVER, THE TEXT WILL HAVE TO HAVE A GREATER ECONOMIC EMPHASIS AND PROVIDE FOR MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO YASUKAWA'S QUERY, HARTMAN GAVE SUMMARY OVERVIEW OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. ON MIDDLE EAST HE SAID WE HAD EMPHASIZED TO SOVIETS THAT PARTIES THEMSELVES ARE ONLY ONES IN A POSITION TO REACH SETTLEMENT. OTHERS CAN ONLY LEND ASSISTANCE. WE, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE IN

A GOOD POSITION TO HELP BRING ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT.

SOVIETS MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP AT OTHER POINTS IN PROCESS. HARTMAN SAID SOVIETS SEEMED UNABLE TO ACCEPT THIS EXCLUSION FROM THE PROCESS. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS.

8. HARTMAN SAID REPORTS IN PRESS ABOUT "FAILURE" WITH REGARD TO SALT ARE INACCURATE. TALKS IN SALT II ARE EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN SALT I, SINCE THEY CONCERN QUALITY OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS, AND BECAUSE THESE ARE ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET STRATEGIC WEAPONS. OUR OBJECTIVE IN MOSCOW WAS TO KEEP ROAD TO EVENTUAL AGREEMENT OPEN. THERE ARE NO DEADLINES, AND TALKS WILL PROCEED AT THEIR OWN PACE.

9. THE SOVIETS HAD LAID HEAVY EMPHASIS ON CSCE, HARTMAN NOTED. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THEY ARE ANXIOUS FOR AGREEMENT AND WILL BE WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. BUT HARTMAN INDICATED JUNE WAS TOO EARLY TO EXPECT COMPLETION OF PROCESS.

10. HARTMAN AND YASUKAWA TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON PROGRESS IN EXPLORATION OF SIBERIAN NATURAL RESOURCES BY JAPANESE AND US COMPANIES. RUSH

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